GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4375
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ERADICATION OF SCAVENGERS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether manual scavenging has been totally eradicated from the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the States where this practice is still prevalent; and

(d) the funds released or proposed to be released under National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers (NSLRS) during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) Manual scavenging is continuing due to existence of dry latrines in some parts of the country. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment operates the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of the Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS) which aims at the liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers in alternative and dignified occupations. In addition to the usual projects or viable economic activities that scavengers are given assistance under NSLRS, the Ministry has also encouraged the States/UTs to implement the concept of Sanitary Marts which envisages the bringing together of scavengers into groups and developing in them entrepreneurial skills by undertaking varied economic activities including conversion of dry latrines to wet latrines by availing assistance under the scheme on general sanitation implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation and the Ministry of Rural Development in the urban and rural areas respectively.

(c) As per the information available in the Ministry, there are scavengers in (i) Andhra Pradesh (ii) Assam (iii) Bihar (iv) Gujarat (v) Haryana (vi) Himachal Pradesh (vii) Jammu & Kashmir (viii) Karnataka(ix) Kerala (x) Madhya Pradesh (xi) Maharashtra (xii) Meghalaya (xiii) Nagaland (xiv) Orissa (xv) Punjab (xvi) Rajasthan (xvii) Tamil Nadu (xviii) Tripura (xix) Uttar Pradesh (xx) West Bengal (xxi) Delhi (xxii) Chhattishgarh (xxiii) Jharkhand and (xxiv) Uttaranchal.

(d) Statement indicating State-wise details of funds released during 2000-2001 is enclosed as annexure. Rs. 74.00 crores is provided under the scheme during 2001-02, which will be sanctioned to the States as per guidelines.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4375 for answer on 22.8.01

State wise details of funds released under National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents during 2000-2001.

(Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT	2000-01
1.	Assam	3.72
2.	Chhattishgarh	15.00
3.	Jharkhand	10.85
4.	Maharashtra	21.35

5. Uttaranchal	10.00
Total	60.92